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Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
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Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
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Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
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Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Labour

Measures for relieving unemployment.

* 825 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have any measures under contemplation to relieve the educated and uneducated unemployment in the Presidency?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" May I know, Sir, whether any statistics have been prepared showing the extent of unemployment among the educated and the uneducated classes? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" No, Sir."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" May I know whether the Government are proposing to obtain statistics? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" There is no such proposal before the Government."

Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government would consider this question seriously taking into consideration the facts mentioned in the Police reports and also taking into consideration that so much of mental and physical energy is being wasted in our country? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" I do not know the object in making such enquiries. I do not think any useful purpose would be served by making such enquiries."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" May I know whether any proposal has been examined by Government for the purpose of finding out if relief can be given to the unemployed? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" No, Sir."

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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that letting loose a large number of educated unemployed persons in the Presidency is dangerous to society and will cause unrest to Government? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" I am thankful to the Hon. Member for the information."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" May I know whether the Government are prepared to consider the question? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" I do not think it is possible on account of our financial position."

Prisons and Prisoners

Political prisoners in jails as on 28th February 1934.

* 826 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number of political prisoners in each of the jails in this Presidency was on 1st January 1934;

(*b*) how many of them have yet to serve a period of more than three months; and

(*c*) how many of them have got remission of sentences and what such remission is due to?

A.—(*a*) The number of prisoners, convicted for offences connected with the Civil Disobedience Movement, in jails as on 28th February 1934 was 77. The Government have no information in regard to the number in each jail.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know, Sir, in view of the fact that the political atmosphere in the country has settled down and there is absolutely no Civil Disobedience Movement now, whether the Hon. the Law Member will consider the advisability of remitting the unexpired terms of imprisonment of these 77 prisoners? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" The release of the Civil Disobedience Movement prisoners is being considered by the Government from time to time."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" Is there any such consideration now being made, Sir? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I am not in a position to give an answer to that question."